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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE  
FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the drilling and production unit designated CV RA SU53, created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat.
2. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-6, effective May 24, 1978.

Applicant is filing a companion application to unitize the lands covered by CV RA SU53 as a part of the Sligo Field on a unit basis which is identical in area to CV RA SU53.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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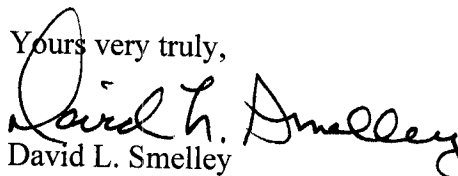
By letter dated September 21, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 11, 2001, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the plat showing the unit to be dissolved (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company,  
L.P.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)  
Mr. Dennis Dilday (w/encl.)  
Mr. Joel Alberts (w/encl.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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